

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Sisk at 7:00 p.m. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Dale Zorn

Jerry Oley

Henry Lievens

Albert Potratz

John Fowler

(excused)

Floreine Mentel

Connie Velliquette

William Sisk

LaMar Frederick

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

2. Commissioner LaMar Frederick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Chairman Sisk offered a Moment of Silence for Commissioner Lievens family.
4. Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, August 24, 2010, Regular Meeting as presented. Supported by Commissioner Potratz. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Dale Zorn

Jerry Oley

Henry Lievens

Albert Potratz

John Fowler

(excused)

Floreine Mentel

Connie Velliquette

William Sisk

LaMar Frederick

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, July 27, 2010, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette.

Motion carried.

6. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Thursday, July 29, 2010, Special Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Potratz.

Motion carried.

7. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Special Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Mentel.

Motion carried.

8. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Resolution Allocating Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap For An Additional \$6,750,000 To Detroit Edison For Various Capital Improvement To Its Monroe Power Plant Read:

WHEREAS, Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "ARRA") added sections 1400U-1 through 1400U-3 to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to provide for the issuance of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds by states and local units of government for purposes described in the ARRA; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA provides a national Recovery Zone Facility Bond volume cap of \$15,000,000,000 to be allocated among the states and suballocated to counties and certain large municipalities; and

WHEREAS, under the allocation formula determined by the United States Department of the Treasury, the County of Monroe (the "County") has received an allocation of \$19,856,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bond volume cap ("Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap"); and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted December 15, 2009 (the "Designation Resolution"), the County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") made certain findings and designated the entire County as a "Recovery Zone" as described in the ARRA, thereby enabling the proceeds of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be spent on qualified projects anywhere within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to allocate its Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap to ultimate beneficiaries for eligible costs in any reasonable manner as it shall determine in good faith in its discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Designation Resolution provided that the method of allocating the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap would be determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to allocate the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap directly by resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Monroe (the "EDC") has reviewed an application for Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap allocation from The Detroit Edison Company ("Detroit Edison") and has previously recommended the Board allocate \$13,106,000 to Detroit Edison for various capital improvements to its Monroe Power Plant located in the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on May 11, 2010, the Board allocated \$13,106,000 of the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap to Detroit Edison as the ultimate beneficiary of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be issued for purposes of paying all or part of the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, The EDC has recommended at this time that the Board allocate an additional \$6,750,000 of the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap to Detroit Edison for the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to allocate the remaining portion of the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap to Detroit Edison for the purpose of financing all or part of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap. There is hereby allocated Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,750,000) of the County's Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap to Detroit Edison as the ultimate beneficiary of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be issued for purposes of paying all or part of the cost of the Project. Project costs may include capitalized interest on the bonds proposed to be issued, paying the costs of credit enhancement, if any, and paying the costs of issuance of bonds, subject to the provisions of the ARRA and the Code. This allocation shall be in addition to the previous allocation to Detroit Edison in the amount of \$13,106,000.

2. Issuance by Qualified Issuer. The bonds making use of the allocation provided in this resolution may be issued in one or more series by the Michigan Strategic Fund or another issuer qualified to issue Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for the benefit of Detroit Edison for the purpose of financing the Project.

3. Filing of Resolution. The County Clerk is hereby directed to file this resolution with the Michigan Strategic Fund.

4. Notice of Issuance. Within 10 days from the issuance of any series of bonds making use of the allocation provided in this resolution, Detroit Edison shall file or cause to be filed a written notice with the County that such bonds were issued and delivered, which written notice shall be accompanied by (1) a copy of the IRS Form 8038, or any successor form, filed with the Internal Revenue Service and (2) an opinion of bond counsel as to tax exempt status of such bonds.

5. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adopt the Resolution Allocating Recovery Zone Facility Bond Volume Cap for an Additional \$6,750,000 to Detroit Edison for Various Capital Improvements to its Monroe Power Plant. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Dale Zorn

Jerry Oley

Henry Lievens

Albert Potratz

John Fowler

(excused)

Floreine Mentel

Connie Velliquette

William Sisk

LaMar Frederick

Motion carried.

9. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:
 - A. Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Report (06/15/10)
 1. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full board To Extend The Prosecuting Attorney's Secretarial And Victim-Witness Unit From 37.5 Hours Per Week To 40.0 Hours Per Week With Funding From The Prosecuting Attorney's 2010 Budget. (Please Note There Would Be A Net Cost To The County In The Amount Of \$2,979 Should The Board Opt To Extend The Hours.)
 - B. Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority Report (08/18/10)
 1. The Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority Recommends To The Full Board To Appoint Mike Carder To Fill The Unexpired Term Of Robert Martin As The Industry Representative Expiring December 31, 2011.
 - C. Finance Committee Report (08/24/10)
 1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 08/25/10 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report In The Amount Of \$641,601.33.
 - D. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County
 - A. Check Register Dated 08/13/10 In The Amount Of \$669,932.63.
 - B. Check Register Dated 08/20/10 In The Amount Of \$2,615,121.11.

Commissioner Fowler requested item 9(A1) be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Velliquette to approve the Consent Agenda with item 9(A1) pulled for discussion. Supported by Commissioner Mentel. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Dale Zorn	Jerry Oley	Henry Lievens
Albert Potratz	John Fowler	(excused)
Floreine Mentel	Connie Velliquette	
William Sisk	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

10. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Extend The Prosecuting Attorney's Secretarial And Victim-Witness Unit From 37.5 Hours Per Week To 40.0 Hours Per Week With Funding From The Prosecuting Attorney's 2010 Budget.

Prosecutor Nichols explained that the Finance Department re-calculated his proposal and there would not be a net cost to the County; there would be a savings of \$2,272.98. He noted he plans to eliminate his part-time co-op student.

Commissioner Frederick questioned if the employment contract will need to be revised.

Mr. Nichols stated a Memo of Understand will need to be prepared and TPOAM will need to vote on the issue.

Chairman Sisk noted he is opposed to the proposal; there is a need to look ahead and save nickels and dimes, the Board needs to stop saying "yes."

Mr. Nichols stated there have been many employee adjustments in his office, he saved approximately \$21,000 from employees being on disability and the proposal will not exceed that savings; there will be money left over.

Commissioner Potratz stated as long as Prosecutor Nichols is within his budget he has no problem with his proposal.

Commissioner Oley noted other departments have gone from a 37.5 hour work week to a 40 hour work week.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve extending the Prosecuting Attorney's secretarial and victim-witness unit from 37.5 hours per week to 40 hours per week through December 31, 2010, with funding from the Prosecuting Attorney's 2010 budget. Supported by Commissioner Mentel. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES		NAYS		ABSENT	
Albert Potratz	John Fowler	Zorn	Henry Lievens		
Floreine Mentel	Connie Velliquette	Sisk	(excused)		
Jerry Oley	LaMar Frederick				

Motion carried.

11. Consideration Of Reimbursing The Village Of Estral Beach For Their 2009 Self Projects – Replace/Repair Deteriorated Culverts Under Lakeview Avenue, Phyllis Street, Park Street, Sovey Drive and Canal Street In The Amount Of \$7,685.00 From The General Fund Contingency Account.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Zorn to reimburse the Village of Estral Beach for various 2009 self-help culvert projects in the amount of \$7,685.00 from the General Fund Contingency Account. Supported by Commissioner Potratz. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES		NAYS		ABSENT	
Dale Zorn	Jerry Oley	Henry Lievens			
Albert Potratz	John Fowler	(excused)			
Floreine Mentel	Connie Velliquette				
William Sisk	LaMar Frederick				

Motion carried.

12. Memorandum From Major David Thompson Read Requesting Approval To Remit A 2011 Justice Training Grant Funds – Regional Training Plan Application In The Amount Of \$42,948.00 With No Local Cash Match.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Sheriff’s Office remitting a 2011 Justice Training Grant funds – Regional Training Plan application in the amount of \$42,948.00 with no local cash match. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Dale Zorn	Jerry Oley	Henry Lievens
Albert Potratz	John Fowler	(excused)
Floreine Mentel	Connie Velliquette	
William Sisk	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

13. Memorandum From Major David Thompson Read Requesting Approval To Remit A 2011 Secondary Road Patrol And Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application In The Amount Of \$544,172.00 With The States Allocation In The Amount Of \$173,300 And The County’s Supplement In The Amount Of \$370,872.00.

Commissioner Fowler stated that he supports law enforcement. He noted that according to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Sheriff’s Office exceeded the grant allocation by \$52,000 in 2009.

Major Thompson stated if Commissioner Fowler’s comment is true, he was not informed of that. He stated the Sheriff’s Office did not exceed their match; they were under.

Major Thompson explained that the state’s portion is drawn on first and generated revenue is used to pay expenditures. From October 2009 through July 2010, revenue was generated from fines and costs in the amount of \$201,252.

Commissioner Velliquette questioned if special training is needed.

Major Thompson stated there are 23 specialized traffic accident courses.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated the Sheriff’s Office is requesting approval to remit the grant and if the grant is awarded, the Sheriff’s Office will need to come back for the Board to determine if they will accept it or not.

Major Thompson stated the grant has been awarded; there is no need for them to come back.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated secondary road patrol is important especially to the county’s rural areas.

Commissioner Potratz questioned where the county’s supplement will come from.

Chairman Sisk reminded the Board that we are facing a deficit for 2011 and the supplement will need to be included in the 2011 budget.

Michael Bosanac, Director, Administrative Services stated the county's supplement will be included in the 2011 if the Board opts to fund the grant.

Major Thompson noted the secondary road patrol and traffic accident prevention program is one of the Sheriff's Office priorities.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Zorn to approve the Sheriff's Office remitting a 2011 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant application in the amount of \$544,172 with the States allocation in the amount of \$173,300 and the county's supplement in the amount of \$370,872. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Dale Zorn	Jerry Oley	Henry Lievens
Albert Potratz	John Fowler	(excused)
Floreine Mentel	Connie Velliquette	
William Sisk	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

14. Information –

Commissioner Frederick spoke regarding the memorandum from William Parkus, Regional Review Coordinator, SEMCOG regarding the Senior Community Service Employment Program. He noted SEMCOG received a letter from the Monroe County Planning Commission and Commission on Aging opposing the grant application. He stated the Board should be apprised of such letters so that they are not caught off guard; he was embarrassed that he knew nothing about the letter when he was approached by SEMCOG.

Commissioner Potratz apologized on behalf of the Planning Commission.

15. Old Business –

- A. Updated Report - Amend The County's Purchasing Policy To Include Language That Will Benefit Local Businesses In The Purchasing Process And Include The Policy In Any County, Township Or Municipal Project That Uses The Bond Rating Of The County As Part Of Their Funding Mechanism.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated he should have something to report at the next meeting.

- B. Review Of Monroe County 9-1-1 District Board By-Laws.
- C. Consider Adopting A Parking Ordinance For County Lots.
- D. Review Motor Carrier Revenue.

Chairman Sisk noted items B, C and D were added to the Agenda at Commissioner Lievens request and suggested discussing at the next meeting.

16. Administrator's Report –

Michael Bosanac, Director, Administrative Services reported the following:

Budget worksheets were distributed to department heads and are due back September 19th and we received the pension system's actuary report; retiree health care report forthcoming.

Commissioner Frederick questioned what guidelines the department heads were given in preparation of the 2011 budget.

Mr. Bosanac noted they were not given a target number, they were asked to keep their expenditures at the same level as last year and they need to prepare for reductions.

Mr. Bosanac also reported that an application is being prepared to receive reimbursement for the early retirement expenses, Equalization is re-submitting their L-1249 application, and the 2010 budget deficit plan was submitted to the Department of Treasury; he is waiting their confirmation as to whether or not the accepted and approved the plan.

Commissioner Oley stated timing is important in the preparation of the 2011 budget, preparing the budget after the General Election is not acceptable; the Board needs to know what ideas Administrator Maniko has in mind and suggested starting the process on September 7th.

Chairman Sisk stated the 2010 budget deficit had to be closed before we could start preparing the 2011 budget, agreed to start the 2011 budget process on September 7th and noted he anticipates a \$4 - \$6.9 million shortfall.

17. Members Time -

Commissioners offered their condolences to Commissioner Lievens for the loss of his Mother.

Commissioner Velliquette noted over 700 people participated in the back-pack program.

Commissioner Oley stated after reviewing the closed session letter presented to the Board he was satisfied that the matter did fall under the Open Meetings Act; it was a matter of knowing what the topic was before the meeting was held and urged staff, in the future, to apprise the Board ahead of time of the topic.

Chairman Sisk stated he hadn't seen the letter prior to this evening's meeting.

Chairman Sisk noted officials from the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division have scheduled a briefing of the tornado disaster on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m., at the EOC Center.

18. Motion by Commissioner Potratz to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Oley.

Motion carried.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk